Revenue earning of Railways

*412. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are on the up-swing in revenue earnings during 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the contribution of the East Coast Railway in the above share?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The total revenue earnings of Indian Railway for 2005-06 (approximate) are Rs. 54377 crore registering a growth by Rs. 7339 crore (15.6%) over 2004-05.

(b) Category-wise details of up-swing during 2005-06 (Approximate) over 2004-05 is as under:—

(Rs. in Crore)

Category	Earning		Variation in amount (Approx)	% age growth
	2004-05	2005-06		
Passenger	14112.54	15041.42	928.88	6.58
Other Coaching	990.28	1138.34	148.06	14.95
Goods	30778.40	36405.20	5626.80	18.28
Sundry	1157.03	1792.43	635.40	54.92
TOTAL	47038.25	54377.39	7339.14	15.60

(c) The total revenue earnings of East Coast Railway during 2005-06 (Approx.) are Rs. 3947.28 crore which contribute 7.26% of the total revenue earnings of the Indian Railways and shows growth by 635.06 crore (19.17%) over 2004-05. The category-wise earnings of East Coast Railway for 2005-06 (approx.) are indicated below:—

(Rs. in Crore)

Category	Earning 2004-05	Earning 2005-06 (Appox)	Variation in amount	%age growth	%age of Indian Railways Earnings
Passenger	300.20	333.04	32.84	10.94	2.21
Other Coaching	16.47	25.28	8.81	53.49	2.22
Goods	2970.22	3569.23	599.01	20.17	9.80
Sundry	25.33	19.73	-5.60	-22.11	1.10
TOTAL	3312.32	3947.28	635.06	19.17	7.26

Wheat import

*413. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to import another 1.5 million to 2 million tonnes of wheat through the State Trading Corporation (STC); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In addition to import of 5.00 lakh tonnes of wheat approved by the Government in February, 2006, import of 30 lakh tonnes of wheat has also been allowed by the Government, through the State Trading Corporation (STC), for which tender has been floated by the STC on 8-5-2006.

The decision to import 30 lakh tonnes was taken in view of the following:

(i) Stock of wheat in the Central Pool as on 1-4-2006 was 20 lakh tonnes which was 20 lakh tonnes lower than the buffer norm of 40 lakh tonnes for 1st April;